

<sup>18</sup>Will Cray is most likely William Cray, representative of Onslow County. William Gray, representative from Bertie County, was a contemporary of Cray, and occasional confusion of the two men by clerks of the time and later historians seems to have occurred. Gray's terms spanned the years 1760-1768. He attended two sessions of the provincial congress (August, 1775, and November, 1776); he was also a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1788. Cray's terms in the assembly spanned the years 1764-1777; in 1777-1778 he was president of the council of state. He, too, was a delegate to two terms of the provincial congress (August, 1774, and April, 1775). His death occurred in 1778. Cheney, *North Carolina Government*, 49, 51, 52, 53, 56, 57, 154, 155, 162; R.D.W. Connor (comp. and ed.), *A Manual of North Carolina . . . 1913* (Raleigh: North Carolina Historical Commission, 1913), 347, 373, 389, 390, 731, 867.

<sup>19</sup>William Herritage (d. 1769), of Craven County, had qualified as clerk of the House in 1739, so he had held this position for almost twenty-nine years. A more complete sketch may be found in volume I, 96 n.6.

<sup>20</sup>John Harvey (1725-1775) had become Speaker of the House in 1766 and in that capacity was one of the most powerful men in the colony. See sketch in volume I, 95 n.1.

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## William Tryon to the Earl of Shelburne

PRO CO 5/311, f. 66  
PRO CO 5/328, ff. 34-35<sup>1</sup>  
PRO CO 5/300, ff. 123-123b  
MH-TLB, 202-203  
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My Lord

With this Dispatch I have the Honor to inclose to Your Lordship the Minutes of the Council up to the Date hereof. They follow in succession those certified the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 1767, by M<sup>r</sup> Heron, Secretary of the Province.

Your Lordship may observe the Gentlemen I have appointed Associate Judges agreeable to the last Superior Court Law, are M<sup>r</sup> Maurice Moore and M<sup>r</sup> Richard Henderson. The former Gentleman I suspended during the late distractions in the Colonies,<sup>2</sup> His proper Conduct and Behavior since that period, and the British Act of Grace subsequent to those Troubles, induced me with the approbation of the Council, to reinstate M<sup>r</sup> Moore in His Office. M<sup>r</sup> Henderson is a Gentleman of Candor and Ability, born in Virginia, and about thirty three Years of Age. He lives near Hillsborough in the back Country, among a People whom I am persuaded will be happy at having such a Distinction paid to one who resides among them, and for whom they entertain an Esteem. I wished to have appointed M<sup>r</sup> Edmund Fanning as one of the Associates, as His Conduct while assistant Judge in very critical Times, gave me the most favorable Opinion of the Integrity of his Principles: however he declined giving me an Opportunity to mention him in Council for that Office, as did also M<sup>r</sup> Marmaduke Jones a Gentleman not inferior in Abilities to any of His Profession in this Country.